

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit portable device comprising a memory and at least one application program residing within said memory, characterized in that:

[[ - ]] the at least one application program comprises at least one configurable variable and a list of at least one reference element that references the at least one configurable variable, and

[[ - ]] the memory includes at least one initializing means for initializing said at least one configurable variable[[s]],

upon receipt, by the at least one application program, of a command that comprises at least one indexing data that indexes said at least one reference element in the list, and at least one associated configuring value to be assigned to the at least one configurable variable which is referenced by the at least one reference element as indexed by the said indexing data in the command, the at least one initializing means for initializing initiates establishing a linking between the at least one associated configuring value comprised in the command and the at least one reference element ~~that references the at least one configurable variable,~~

wherein whereby the initializing means for initializing transfers, after the link has been established, transfers the at least one associated configuring value comprised in the command to the at least one configurable variable using the at least one reference element, and

wherein the at least one configuring variable is used to configure the at least one application program.

2. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit portable device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one configurable variable[[s]] ~~[[are]]~~ is persistent within said memory.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit portable device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one application program ~~[[has]]~~ comprises at least

two configurable variables that are ~~referred to within the same~~ referenced in the list and  
~~which wherein said at least two configurable variables are derived from the same a common~~  
parent class.

5. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit portable device according to claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one application program [[has]] comprises at least  
two configurable variables that are ~~referred to within the same~~ referenced in the list and  
wherein said at least two configurable variables ~~which~~ are instances of ~~the same a common~~  
class.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit portable device according to claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one application program comprises the  
initialization means.
8. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit portable device according to claim 1,  
~~characterized in that all~~ wherein the initialization means and said at least one application  
program are written in the same programming language ~~are defined in the same language as~~  
~~said application program.~~
9. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit portable device according to claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said command is further configured to enable[[s]] reading of  
said at least one configurable variable contents.
10. (Currently Amended) A method for initializing an application program in an integrated  
circuit portable device comprising a memory and at least one application program residing  
within said memory, characterized in that said method includes the steps of:  
    [[ - ]] providing the at least one application program with at least one configurable  
        variable and a list of at least one reference element wherein the at least one  
        reference element [[that]] references the at least one configurable variable,  
    [[ - ]] sending a command [[data]] to the at least one application program, the command  
        [[data]] comprising at least one indexing data that indexes said at least one

reference element in the list and at least one associated configuring value to be assigned to the at least one configurable variable,

[[ - ]] establishing a link between the at least one associated configuring value comprised in the data and the at least one reference element ~~in said list that references the at least one configurable variable, whereby the at least one value comprised in the data is transferred to the at least one configurable variable, and~~  
transferring, after the link has been established, the at least one associated configuring value to the at least one configurable variable using the at least one reference element, wherein the at least one configuring variable is used to configure the at least one application program.